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USS Constellation hosts Navy Recruiting Day cruise

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SAN DIEGO (NNS) — Students and teachers from three states received a first-hand look at life at sea on board an aircraft carrier Friday, May 19.

More than 1,700 educators, school administrators, students and community leaders from California, Nevada and Arizona joined the crew of USS Constellation (CV 64) at Naval Air Station North Island for a day of life at sea. The ship set sail at 7 a.m. and cruised the waters off San Diego, returning at about 4 p.m.

"What better way to show people what the Navy is like than to bring them out for a day?" asked Cmdr. Bob Keister, commanding officer of Naval Recruiting District (NRD) Los Angeles.

Recruiting efforts have intensified in the last few years to allow the Navy to continue to bring in top candidates. Working closely with NRD San Diego, Constellation leaders organized this first-ever event as a creative way to help bolster the recruiting effort.

"In order to ensure our

fleet is going to be adequately manned by quality people, recruiting has got to be an all hands effort," said Capt. Jamie Kelly, the carrier's commanding officer. "The Navy is all about people, and the best way to show that to potential recruits is to get them out here to talk to our Sailors and see what they do."

"We're hoping our Recruiting Day Cruise efforts lay the groundwork for this to be an annual event," said Kelly, who took advantage of

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Navy responds to latest Vieques allegations

By NAVSOUTH Public Affairs

ROOSEVELT ROADS, Puerto Rico (NNS) — The U.S. Navy, in consultation with the Federal Center for Disease Control's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), has reemphasized that no scientific study — based on empirical data — has ever linked Navy activities on Vieques to any civilian health issues on the island municipality.

This refutes allegations surfacing last week regarding the death rate on Vieques compared to mainland Puerto Rico.

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry is in the process of preparing a public health assessment on Vieques, with which the Navy is cooperating fully.

The Navy is concerned with the health and well being of all our neighbors, in Vieques and throughout the United States. Therefore, it fully supports and continues to cooperate with scientific and verifiable studies regarding health issues in Vieques.



Spectators look on as a F-18 Hornet is launched during Recruiting day 2000. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Richard Kirov

USS Coronado takes delivery of new cutting-edge computer system

By Journalist 1st Class Palmer Pinckney II, USS Coronado Public Affairs

USS CORONADO, At Sea (NNS) — USS Coronado (AGF 11), command ship of U.S. 3rd Fleet, recently unveiled the new Q-70 computer system, which the fleet hopes will revolutionize the way Sailors use computers at sea. Testing and analysis of the new system is underway.

The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR), in conjunction with select naval information system specialists, developed the striking ultra-thin design of the network equipment manufactured by Sun Microsystems.

The Q-70 design removes the bulky computer from the user workstation. It optimizes office space, power, weight and cost. Its main purpose is to allow individual users to run word processing, database, spreadsheet and e-mail applications without having them installed on local computer processing units (CPUs).

Instead, the Q-70 uses an Independent Computing Architecture (ICA) that stores software on a main CPU or server. It sends the necessary information to the user, allowing them to create, edit and save their work. Allowing users to save files only on personal ICA directories, eliminating the use of floppy disks and other media storage devices, tightens information security.

The centralization of software on the ICA instead of the operator's desktop could mean the Navy would save

more than 60 percent in information technology administration expenses.

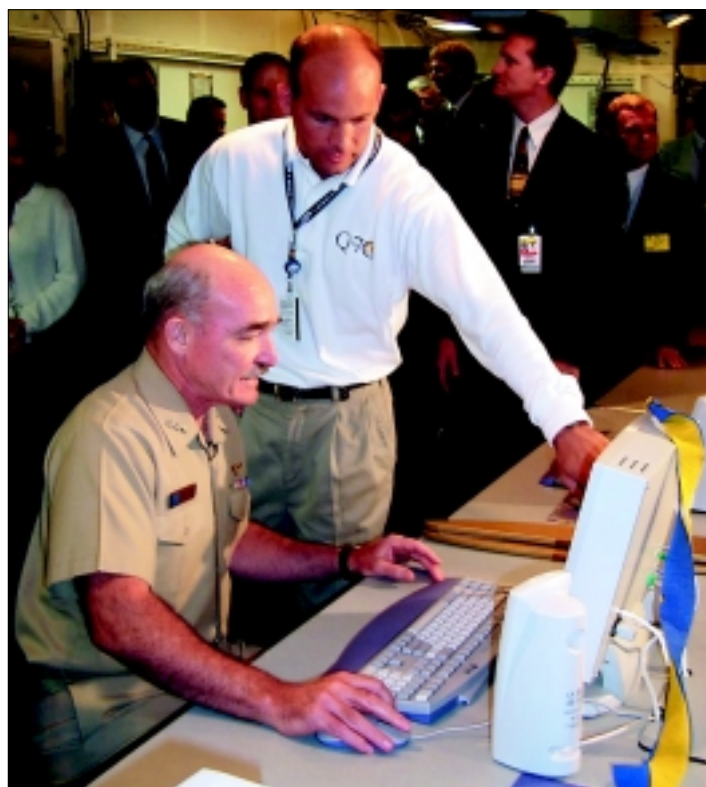
The Q-70 looks like a prop off a Star Trek sound stage. The ultra-flat monitor and small but user-friendly keyboard make the single-user interface complete. Networking the single units with the ICA makes the Q-70 a network system.

Sailors like what they've seen so far. Though the new system seems less friendly and doesn't allow users to store information locally, users can access their unique directories and easily retrieve their files in much the same way they do now on local hard drives or floppy disks.

"When I started my Navy career, I never would have imagined that one day I'd be presiding over a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a computer," said Vice Adm. Dennis V. McGinn, commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet, during the mid-May unveiling of the new system.

The feature that brings it all together on the Q-70 is a small "Smart Card" that starts the system. Each user has their own card allowing them to access their profiles on the network. The smart card works the same way a car key does. Though many people may own the same make, model and color car — only the owner's key works in their car.

The smart card, when removed from an individual Q-70 machine, instantly logs the owner off. It also allows the user to gain access to the network and their profile from



Vice Admiral Dennis V. McGinn, Commander THIRD Fleet (seating), takes the new Q-70 computer system for a test drive during a ribbon cutting ceremony. Mr Aaron Lewis, a Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) contractor, looks on and explains system features. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class Jim Christopher

any other machine.

USS Coronado currently has 27 machines on board working as an independent information network. Plans are to test the compatibility of the Q-70 hardware with the existing classified network on board. Once this phase and analysis are complete, the Navy will look at further implementation of the Q-70 concept throughout the rest of the fleet.

The Navy wants to allow Sailors to tap into the wealth of information and resources

available on the Internet without jeopardizing its own security.

Ultimately the Navy hopes to save millions of taxpayer dollars by using the versatile Q-70 concept. If successful, the Q-70 can control shipboard systems such as weapons and radar instead of the old way of producing extremely expensive computer systems for dedicated specific uses.

For more information about USS Coronado and the 3rd Fleet, go to <http://www.c3f.navy.mil>.

USS Kitty Hawk /Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 completes Cobra Gold 2000

By USS Kitty Hawk Public Affairs staff

USS KITTY HAWK, At Sea (NNS) — Wrapping up an intense four days filled with nearly non-stop flight operations, USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) and Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 recently completed their participation in Exercise Cobra Gold 2000.

From May 9-23, Exercise Cobra Gold 2000 tested the U.S. and Thai military to ensure regional peace. It also strengthened the ability of the Royal Thai armed forces to defend themselves and respond to regional contingencies. This annual joint exercise was one of the largest military exercises involving U.S. forces in the Pacific Command this year, and it involved units from the Thai and U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines. Armed forces from Singapore also participated for the first time this year.

Aircraft from CVW-5, permanently embarked aboard Kitty Hawk and based at Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, completed approximately 500 sorties, including a mix of air-to-air and air-to-ground training missions.

In addition to flying off the deck of Kitty Hawk, CVW-5 operated F/A-18 Hornets and F-14 Tomcats from Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base, approximately 165 miles northeast of Bangkok. These aircraft acted as aggressor forces, conducting local strike training exercises on Chandy and Bon Chan Kren inert ranges in Thailand. CVW-5 aircraft also provided air-to-air training with squadrons from Singapore, Thailand, the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Marine Corps.



An F/A-18 "Hornet" waits to be launched from the flight deck of USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63). U.S. Navy photo by John Sullivan

"Our Hornets flew 36 sorties with the Royal Thai Navy," said Lt. j.g. David Baird of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 195, from Madison, N.J. "It was a great opportunity to train with them and their F-16, F-5 and L-39 aircraft."

Keeping an eye on all the action, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron (VAW) 115's E-2C Hawkeye aircraft provided critical data about incoming "enemy" aircraft to the pilots, the ship and the rest of the battle group.

"Our role in Cobra Gold was to intercept, control and provide early warning location and identification on simulated hostile aircraft," said VAW-115's Lt. Cmdr. Jim Byerly of Fresno, Calif.

"We flew from one end of the range to the other looking for Thai aircraft playing the role of the opposition," said Byerly, a mission commander in the Airborne Command and

Control Center during Cobra Gold 2000.

The squadron's efforts complemented those of Kitty Hawk's Combat Direction Center (CDC), which served as the Hawk's eyes and ears as they worked around the clock to keep the ship up to date on the tactical scene.

"Combat Direction Center was responsible for air traffic control for up to nine overland missions a day during Cobra Gold," said Chief Operations Specialist (SW/AW) Patrick Rivers, the CDC leading chief petty officer from Albany, N.Y. "After completing their missions, the planes would turn around and simulate hostile contacts. It was our job to detect, identify and track all of the inbound hostile forces."

Tracking simulated attacks and coordinating counter strikes was only part of CDC's mission. Passing on the "big picture" to the fleet made up the

rest.

"One of the key parts of our job was the battle group communications links," said Operations Specialist 2nd Class Michael Hester of Chattanooga, Tenn.

"Once we identified the aircraft, we passed the information to the rest of the fleet," said Rivers. "To do that we had to keep in constant communications with the battle group. We kept the entire battle group up-to-date with the exact location of each contact we had."

Rear Adm. Timothy J. Keating, Task Force 70's commander embarked aboard Kitty Hawk, said Exercise Cobra Gold 2000 provided an excellent opportunity for America's only permanently forward-deployed battle group to effectively test their mission readiness.

"Cobra Gold was great

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Military offers "Fantasy Jobs" through Yahoo!

By Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The U.S. military and Yahoo! are teaming up to deliver action-packed military jobs to winners of the "Fantasy Careers in Today's Military" contest.

Yahoo! will feature some military occupations among its "fantasy" jobs. Winners will get to experience military jobs in a way that has never been offered before.

The winner in the Air Force category, for example, will get to shadow an F-15

pilot, then fly in the aircraft.

The winner in the Army category will fly in an Apache helicopter at Fort Rucker, Ala., then parachute with the Golden Knights at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The Navy winner will experience life aboard an aircraft carrier. He or she will fly to the ship aboard a C-2A Greyhound, then see how the crew makes the floating city work.

The Marines will offer the winner a taste of officer basic training at Marine Corps Base

Quantico, Va.

The Coast Guard will give winners the chance to train with rescue swimmers, ride in a self-righting boat and participate in helicopter rescue training.

"This contest is about the public meeting military service members, getting to know who they are, and experiencing firsthand their maturity, dedication and professionalism," said Cmdr. Yvette Brown-Wahler, assistant director

for recruiting plans for the Department of Defense (DoD). "This is a way for ordinary people from Main Street, U.S.A., to connect with extraordinary people doing exciting, thrilling and challenging jobs while serving their country."

The contest runs through July 4 and calls for entrants to write an essay answering why they would want to participate in one of these jobs.

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the opportunity to enlist two Delayed Entry Personnel into the Navy.

The unique day cruise was developed to help the Navy and its recruiting efforts through a "see it for yourself" attitude.

Cecilia Bustamante, an 18-year-old high school senior who recently enlisted under the Navy's delayed enlistment program, had words of praise for the trip. "I leave for boot camp next month, but if I could go now I would. This has made me very motivated towards the next few years that I will spend in the Navy."

Among tours of various parts of the ship, visitors had the unprecedented experience of watching the launch and recovery of two F/A-18C Hornets and an S-3B Viking. Live music by Navy Band Southwest was another feature of the day cruise.

The guest cruise was as exciting for the 2,600 Connie Sailors as it was for the visitors. "These people are our future, and I'm glad to be of the ones inspiring them to be part of something like this," said Information Systems

Technician Seaman William Ashley.

"The crew is doing a great job in showing what the real Navy is all about," said Chris Nguyen, guest of the Constellation and mother of a future Navy recruit. "I only came to see the air show, but I am now very impressed and inspired by everything. I think every student in high school should experience this at least once."

"It was one of the most amazing things I've ever seen," said Los Angeles native Elaine Rasher, mother of 17-year-old Sean Rasher, who plans to enlist upon completion of high school. "It's amazing to see how these (Sailors) work out here."

"This day was great," said 16-year-old Suzane Venegas of Rialto, Calif. "It's pretty cool when you get to see what you always hear about or see on commercials. I had no idea how huge this ship was."

According to many, guest cruises like this may possibly be the model for future events of grander proportions. "It would be great to do this at least a few times a year," said

Keister.

"This has definitely been a great way for me to broaden my knowledge and choices for what I plan to do after high school," said high school junior Eowyn Stowers.

The recruiting cruise was also lauded by the commander of Navy Recruiting Command, Rear Adm. Barbara McGann. "The efforts that combined to make the USS Constellation day sail such a success are indicative of the tremendous support and active role the

fleet is taking to help recruit the best and brightest of today's youth. Recruiting is a Navy-wide responsibility, and Connie's efforts demonstrate the teamwork needed to solve fleet manning challenges."

USS Constellation is home to Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 2 and when embarked, the ship's complement is more than 4,800 Sailors.

For more information about USS Constellation, go to <http://www.navy.mil/homepages/cv64>.



Delayed Enlistment Program recruits, Lalia Canlas and Susan Hazlett both from Glendora, Ca. watch a recruiting video during Recruit day 2000 onboard USS Constellation. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd class Richard Kiro

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training for everyone all around," said Keating. "We were able to do a lot of training for the Hawk/FIVE team, as well as exercise with the Thai and Singapore navies. It was great for the air wing because of availability of some target facilities that aren't available in Atsugi, and great for the Kitty Hawk's crew because they got to put their battle skills to the test in this important region of the world."

Kitty Hawk, operating from Yokosuka,

Japan, is on a regularly scheduled two-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean. Accompanying Kitty Hawk is the guided missile cruiser USS Chancellorsville (CG 62) and the destroyer USS O'Brien (DD 975), operating from Yokosuka, Japan.

For more information about the USS Kitty Hawk/CVW-5 team, go to <http://www.kittyhawk.navy.mil>.

For more information about USS O'Brien, go to <http://www.obrien.navy.mil>.

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U.S. residents age 18 and older who want to participate simply need to go to <http://careers.yahoo.com>, click on the "Fantasy Careers" link, register for a free Yahoo! ID, complete a resume and essay, and they're on their way.

They can enter one or all five contests. Prizes include round-trip airfare, accommodations, meals, ground transportation, and up to a five-day-long immersion experience in today's military. Members of the various services will judge the entries.

Yahoo! approached DoD about joining its fantasy job contest. "Yahoo! came to us, actually, with respect to their jobs site and an idea of incorporating some of the information on the variety of jobs that we have available every year," said

Vice Adm. Patricia A. Tracey, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military personnel policy. "We recruit about 350,000 people every year. We have a huge number of vacancies.

"We are seeking different ways of exposing the American people to who we are as a military and in particular, exposing them to who the people are who are in today's military," remarked Tracey. "This seemed like an unusual way to do that, but this really begins to introduce us a little bit better to how to use a medium like the Internet for our purposes."

Tracey said the DoD would spend about \$250,000 to promote the Yahoo! contest. The Department of Defense already spends some \$300,000 on advertising on the Internet.

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Look for the following stories and more on next week's show:

- Thousands of visitors join Sailors, Marines and their families to celebrate Armed Forces Day at the nation's largest military open house;

- Reserve Sailors and Marines train in the rain at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland during Operation Blue Crab 2000;

- Command Physical Readiness Training (PRT) coordinators in Norfolk show Sailors the correct way to help their shipmates stay fit and ready to meet the new PRT standards;

- The Navy chooses its Shore Sailor of the Year.

Compiled on tape #2000-23, the show is on its way to the fleet now.

In naval history: June 4-6, 1942

The Battle of Midway was fought. This was considered to be the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

Japanese losses included four carriers, one heavy cruiser and 253 aircraft. American forces lost the destroyer USS Hammann (DD 412), the carrier USS Yorktown (CV 5) in addition to 147 aircraft.

Submarine Centennial history: June 9, 1959

USS George Washington (SSBN 598) was launched from Groton, Conn. This was the first nuclear powered fleet ballistic missile submarine.

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USS Alabama



Crewmembers of USS Alabama (SSBN 731) spell out "BAMA 50," signifying the completion of the submarine's 50th deterrent patrol. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 1st Class Mark A. Correa